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ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 4, 2008, which sets a one-month shortened statutory period to expire on March 4, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 4-9, and 11) *without traverse*. Inasmuch as the period for response was set to expire by the one-month date of April 4, 2008, this response is filed with a one-month Extension of Time and the required fee. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any extension of time fees and any other fees necessary for maintaining the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.